

MME. STEINHEIL, FOOLISH WOMAN, VICTIM OF UNSCRUPULOUS FRENCH JOURNALISTS

That Sums Up Trend of Day's Testimony in Famous Case.

REPORTERS ARE HISSED

Defense Will Insist Defendant Was Half Insane With Despair.

BY VANCE THOMPSON.
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
PARIS, November 9.—As he came down the steps of the Palais de Justice to-day, Dr. Achery, the family physician of Mme. Steinheil, summed up the case in these words: "A foolish woman, the victim of unscrupulous journalists."

"That was the whole trend of the day's evidence. The witnesses pictured the scene on the night of November 25, 1903, in the lonely villa in the Impasse de la Fontaine, when the terrified Mme. Steinheil, under suspicion of having killed her husband and her step-mother, struggled for eight hours with three men, who threatened, tempted, bullied her, until at last she fell in with their plans and launched a frantic accusation after accusation.

"Who committed the crime?" they asked her.

"The model, Salvador," she cried.

"Oh, no, impossible; try again."

"His brother," she answered.

"No, try again."

So, finally, she accused the son of her old servant, Mariette Wolf. She broke down under threats that a mob would sack her house. She was taken by the journalists to the prison door. It was an unpleasant story, showing the darker side of French journalism. It is only just to say that the audience hissed these men and uttered cries of "Ignoble."

But much remained. If Barbey, the most reputable of the trio, is to be believed, twice on that night she called for strychnine, while her old servant, below in the kitchen, tried to kill herself, so great was her despair. She clutched a revolver and wailed: "Here is my only salvation."

A tragic fight.

It was a tragic fight, Mme. Steinheil, her daughter, Mariette, and her cousins, the Chambriers, all weeping and in a ferment of hysteria. Labruyere, the reporter who engineered the project, said on the stand to-day: "She was in a state of moral depression, I too."

To-morrow, the case reaches its climax with the testimony of Mariette Wolf, who became suddenly a notable figure in the proceedings to-day.

One of the reporters on the stand declared that Mme. Steinheil had said, after a whispered conference with Mariette, that Mariette would "deny everything" in case her mistress was arrested.

Judge de Valles called the attention of the witness to the gravity of his



testimony, and he replied: "I accept full responsibility."

"Have pity on me. I should not be tortured," cried Mme. Steinheil. But her attorney, Maître Aubin, seemed not greatly worried by the testimony. He has contended all along that the accused Mme. Steinheil feared and the facts she wanted to conceal concerned her own affairs of the heart, which she had always kept from her young daughter.

The first witness of the day was the jeweler, Scully, who was called to tell

of Mme. Steinheil's order to transform certain pieces of her jewelry. The defendant fought him at every turn of his testimony. She declared she had duplicates of all her jewelry. She said she had some of the golden pieces melted to keep them from the knowledge of her daughter. She said she had concealed the fact that she had imitation duplicates because she did not want her friends to know the real financial condition of her family.

Scully said the Steinheils were personal friends of his, and that Mme. Steinheil, in her days of political power, had often obtained his immunity from military service. Other jewellers told of filling orders from Mme. Steinheil. One of them mentioned an art ring ordered in 1903.

Will Not Answer.

"By whom?" asked the judge. "By Choussard?"

"Excuse me from answering,"

begged the jeweler. "Professional secrecy blinds me."

Choussard is an ironmaster who has been mentioned as a friend of Mme. Steinheil.

Labruyere, one of the reporters, denied that he had tortured Mme. Steinheil. He said that on the contrary, the feeling was such upon that night that everybody entered the room leaving the house.

It is claimed that defense will be based in large measure on the woman's mental condition. Although M. Aubin will insist upon her absolute innocence of any part in the crime, he will admit the story of her miserable past and will maintain that the suspicious voiced against her had no affected her weak nature. She was driven into a condition of half-insane despair, and was irresponsible for her actions and accusations.

News of Manchester

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, 1102 Hull Street.

William and Mandy Johnson, man and wife, and Diana Crump and her man, all colored, appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning in the ancient role of domestic tribulations. The Crump woman figured prominently as the disturber of the felicitous wedded life of Johnson and spouse. Diana, fancying that "in married life three is company and two none," thrust herself unceremoniously upon the loyal couple with the result of a sound thrashing being administered to her by the indignant pair. William himself kept aloof from the scrimmage until the wrathful Diana made overtures upon his life. Then the law of self-defense asserted itself, and William rushed into the thickness of the fray.

During the whole time of the above the husband of the Crump woman stood by without a murmur or an objection or a ray of information to unjustify or trouble, but when his mate was assessed \$5 and costs he promptly and quietly handed over the proper amount.

Mayor Maurice did not wish to set a precedent of allowing a man or woman deliberately struck a woman go "scot-free" and so he accordingly fined Johnson a like amount.

Douglas Gregory and Fred Harris (colored), craphooters, were each fined \$2.50 and costs.

Death of Old Citizen.

Johnson Marshall, of 1116 Hull Street, an old and respected citizen of Manchester, passed away yesterday morning at 6 o'clock after a prolonged illness. He was seventy years of age and a Confederate veteran. Born in New Castle, Eng., in 1840, he came to this country when barely two years of age. His parents located at Middlebury, N. H., where he lived until he was twenty. He then settled here a few years later. Mr. Marshall had a host of friends in both Manchester and Chesterfield, who will be deeply grieved to learn of his death.

He is survived by his wife, who was a Mrs. Wallace, she having been married twice, and four children—two sons, Johnson, Jr., and James N. Marshall, both of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. L. M. Pond, of Norfolk, and Mrs. J. M. Ralston, of this city.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Cowardin Avenue Christian Church. The interment will be in Maury Cemetery.

Meeting of Elks.

Stonewall Aerie No. 1322, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, met last night in regular session at 7:30 o'clock in its hall at Eleventh and Hull Streets. The degree of initiation was administered to several candidates.

Stuart Lodge No. 11, Improved Order of Odd-Fellows, met last night at 7:30 o'clock in its room at Eighth and Hull Streets. Business of much importance came up for discussion.

Hardaway-Hancock.

A pretty wedding was solemnized when Miss Ella Marcus Hancock, daughter of Mrs. A. D. Hancock and the late Judge Hancock, was married to F. Horace Hardaway yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Bal-

bridge Street Baptist Church, Manchester. The bride's sister, Miss Mary Beverly Hancock, was the maid of honor. Her costume was of cream net over cream silk, completed with a black plumed hat and a bouquet of chrysanthemums. Harvey Hardaway, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The bridesmaids were Misses Elizabeth Moore, of Washington, D. C., and Margaret Holmes Taylor, both wearing lavender silk dresses, trimmed with touches of violet velvet and carrying lavender chrysanthemums.

The bride entered the church with her brother, John Beverly Hancock. The church was tastefully decorated with candelabra and palms.

After a Northern tour Mr. and Mrs. Hardaway will be at home at 1501 West Franklin Street, Richmond, on Monday evening. Reception was given Monday afternoon at the bride's home.

NEW CHARTERS ISSUED

Charters were granted yesterday as follows by the State Corporation Commission:

Edgemere Realty Corporation, Norfolk, Va. F. B. Hodgson, president; C. W. Smith, Jr., vice-president; E. R. Joyce, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$10,000. Object: Real estate business.

The Piedmont Building and Loan Company (Inc.), Lynchburg, Va. S. F. McGill, president; W. T. Barry, vice-president; V. D. Wright, secretary and treasurer—all of Lynchburg, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$1,500. Object: Building and loan association.

The Marks Company (Inc.), Roanoke, Va. Nathan Marks, president; Peckham, Va. Max Marks, secretary and treasurer, Roanoke, Va. Samuel Miller, vice-president, Pocahontas, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$5,000; minimum, \$2,500. Object: Liquor business.

Oyster Bay Realty Corporation, Norfolk, Va. John Willis, Jr., president; C. W. Smith, vice-president; R. F. Hanbury, secretary and treasurer—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Real estate business.

Tri-City Land Corporation, Norfolk, Va. J. H. Winston, president; George J. Lookley, secretary and treasurer; W. A. Lawrence, vice-president—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$2,000. Object: Real estate business.

Virginia Water Proofing Corporation, Norfolk, Va. Harry Marks, president; J. E. Seibell, secretary and treasurer; L. A. Coleman, vice-president—all of Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$40,000; minimum, \$35,000. Object: Manufacturing and dealing in patent waterproofing and oils, paints, etc.

International Colored Fraternity, Richmond, Va. John Williams, vice-president; John Jones, president; R. W. Malone, secretary—all of Richmond. Capital: None. Object: Fraternal benevolent order.

Chesapeake Land Corporation, York, Va. John T. Holmes, president; George J. Lookley, secretary and treasurer; W. A. Lawrence, vice-president—all of New York. Capital: Maximum, \$10,000; minimum, \$1,000. Object: Real estate business.

DR. TAYLOR WILL LECTURE NO MORE

Declines Requests of Students to Renew Discussions on Scientific Questions.

COMMUNITY IS NOT READY

Abandoned by Audience, Will No Longer Expound Twentieth Century Ideas.

As a committee representing the entire student body, several undergraduates of the Medical College of Virginia have personally requested Dr. William H. Taylor, chairman of the faculty of that institution, to deliver another of his lectures concerning the two great medical mysteries—the mystery of life and the mystery of death. For several sessions Dr. Taylor has delivered special lectures in connection with his class work, and probably would have continued to do so but for the hostilities arising from his views contained in his address on the subject of "The Dead Body."

The students explained to Dr. Taylor that their idea in asking for a renewal of the lectures was not the expressions of his views invariably caused them to look at these subjects, perhaps the deepest which scientists contemplate, in a broader sense, and that while their ideas may not be in accord, great benefits accrue from a thorough study of the logical reasoning furnished.

Will Not Renew Discussions.

Dr. Taylor stated last year, following attacks on his manuscripts, extracts from which were printed in the Times-Dispatch, that he would not deliver another lecture in the course of the lecture on the "Dead Body," and from many sources there were threats from parents of a boycott against the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Taylor refused the determination not to make another public exposition of his views when the request of the students was made.

Some of the subjects spoken of by Dr. Taylor have been about the soul, immortality, spiritualism and the ghost. "I found last year that some of the students were not altogether satisfied with my treatment of the topics," said the doctor last night, "because my ideas are at variance with the teachings to which they have been accustomed. Personally, I do not object to attacks, and I view as a professor knowing my views, but as a professor of the Medical College, I will not renew my lectures on these subjects."

Abandoned by His Audience.

"I explained to the committee that as my audience had abandoned me, I could not do any more, and consequently I have not prepared, or even thought of preparing, another lecture. The community is not prepared to take in twentieth century teachings on these most important branches of the science, and had rather cling to the teachings of older centuries or more ago. If my efforts to enlighten the minds of this generation are to be so discarded, I am unwilling to enforce them."

"My ideas are embodied in the teachings of present day scientists the world over, and are forming the basis for the deepest thought to the most learned minds. It is a great problem, and one on which the South, which has always been behind in the advancement of learning, will eagerly seek enlightenment. My reason for declining the invitation of the students is my meagreness to the college. I am not seeking an audience."

Furnish Basis for Thought.

"The spokesman of the committee stated, in making the request, that he did not agree with all I had said under the title of 'The Dead Body,' but stated my lecture had proved instructive to the mass of students, and had opened up views that were very novel and very enlightening. No more than this, I feel well repaid. I do not ask any one to agree with me, but my purpose is, as the student expressed it, to open up a new field of knowledge and furnish the basis for deeper thought."

The meeting of the student body at which the committee was named was largely attended, and was almost unanimously in favor of requesting Dr. Taylor to renew his lectures. One of the students said he had been hostile toward the great publicity given to the address last year, and the attacks made from the pulpit. There was never any suggestion, until last year that Dr. Taylor's views had proved harmful to the student body, although he had dealt with similar subjects for years.

Virginians at the Hotels

Lexington—Joseph T. Carr, Waynesboro: A. L. Farmer, Red Springs; W. H. Elam and wife, Baskerville; W. G. Epps, Blacksburg; J. B. Matthews, W. P. E. Garris and wife, Sandy Point; Mrs. Dixon, Newport News; Miss Newell, Newport News; Miss Schwartz, Newport News; H. L. Anderson, Yorktown; J. A. Owen, South Boston; W. H. Goodwin, Afton; J. B. Martin, Dry Bridge; Leroy Jenkins, Newport News; A. K. Snyder, Norfolk.

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DEATHS

GORDON.—Died, November 9, 1909, GEORGE D. GORDON, aged forty-eight years. He leaves his wife and daughter to mourn their loss.

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A precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled. WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

The funeral will take place from the residence, 425 West Main Street, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING at 11 o'clock.

JOHNSON.—Died, at 5:45 Tuesday evening, MARY MAGDALENE (LENA) JOHNSON, daughter of J. H. and Mary E. Johnson, 3318 Lester Street. Funeral THURSDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, from St. Patrick's Church.

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MARSTON.—Died, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Luther W. Marston, Norfolk, Va., Nov. 6, MRS. SARAH J. MARSTON, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. She was sister of the late Mr. Harriet French of this city, who died six months ago. She leaves several nieces and nephews, among them being Mrs. W. H. Hamlin and Miss Mattie French of this city.

The funeral and interment took place in James City county Monday.

TYREE.—Died, Monday, November 8, 1909, at her residence, 300 West William Street, Mrs. JOANNA TYREE, aged sixty-eight years.

A precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled.

Funeral will take place from Fulton Baptist Church THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON at 3:30 o'clock. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

WOOD.—Died, at the Memorial Hospital, at 4 A. M., November 9, MISS HASSILL ANN WOOD.

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